

## OPS offering annual firearms and prohibited weapons amnesty

The Orangeville Police Service will once again be offering a Firearms and Prohibited Weapons Amnesty program during the month of July.

The Amnesty is for any resident of Orangeville who wishes to voluntarily surrender unwanted firearms, weapons, accessories or ammunition.

The amnesty program is being held as a proactive initiative to provide residents with a safe way to surrender firearms, weapons and other items that present a potential safety risk. Police believe that reducing the number of unwanted firearms and prohibited weapons in our community is in the best interest of all citizens.

Police urge the public to take advantage of this opportunity to properly dispose of the items they no longer want.

“Our past amnesties have been worthwhile initiatives and we are once again encouraging the public to contact police to turn in firearms, prohibited weapons and ammunition that may be no longer wanted”, said Chief Wayne Kalinski.

Anyone wishing to turn in items for destruction is asked to call the Orangeville Police Service Communication Centre at 519-941-2522 to make arrangements for an officer to pick up the items.

Under no circumstances are the items to be transported by members of the public and brought to the police station.

### **Cops called to local Beer Store**

OPS has arrested and charged a 43-year-old Orangeville man with refusing to provide a sample of his breath after police were contacted by a staff member of The Beer Store who refused to serve him Monday night.

On Monday, June 24, 2019, at approximately 9:25 p.m., police received a call from an employee of The Beer Store, located at 270 Broadway, to report a possible intoxicated patron. Police learned that a male had attended The Beer Store but was refused service as the staff member felt the male showed signs of intoxication. The man left the store and was observed attempting to have other people purchase alcohol for him. Police attended the area and observed the male operating an e-bike.

As a result of the investigation, Sheldon Morgan Rice, 43, of Orangeville, was arrested and charged with Fail/Refuse to Comply with a Breath Demand. The accused man was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court in Orangeville on July 9, 2019, to answer to the allegations.

### **OPS eases concerns over human trafficking rumours**

Your Orangeville Police Service considers public safety and security of paramount importance and is our number one priority, especially when it comes to the safety of our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

In light of a recent social media post that has caused community concern and media attention, your Orangeville Police Service would like to clarify that there is no immediate threat to public safety at this time in our parks and restaurants with respect to human trafficking.

An incident did occur approximately two weeks ago in our community however, it did not meet the definition of human trafficking. Public Safety Canada defines human trafficking as “the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour. It is often described as a modern form of slavery.”

Your Orangeville Police Service has identified and addressed all individuals involved in this matter and will follow up on the original incident.